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Aldersgate United Methodist Church

August 1, 2024

"Sharing the living Christ through life-changing service and love"



BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS IS SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024
AUMC is holding a Backpack & Supply Drive for the LA Methodist Children's Home!
Please drop off donations in the church office or the Sanctuary for Blessing!



GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

Governance Board Meeting Results July 8, 2024

Co-Chair: Ron Davis	Co-Chair: Stan Laskos	Secretary: Cylinda Barron
Ex-officio Members:	Pastor: Rev. Mollie McGee X	Lay Leader: Lewis Smith X
Delegate to Annual Conference: Stan Laskos		

2024	2025	2026
Denise Liuzza X	Kevin Hanken X	Stan Laskos X
Ron Davis X	Cylinda Barron X	Jacalyn Epperson
	Dede Ricard X	Gary Grant X

Same-gender weddings can now take place at Aldersgate UMC. Our Governance board met July 8, 2024 and voted to uphold the will of the majority of the congregation. At our church meeting on June 65th, the straw poll votes of 98 people resulted in 63% in support of same-gender marriages. This is the only issue on which churches can decide.

You may be concerned about receiving an LGBTQ+ pastor. That will not be an issue until Aldersgate is ready for a pastoral change. While changes to the United Methodist rules make it possible for LGBTQ people to become clergy, there is no certainty that an LGBTQ pastor will be assigned here. When and if that occurs, the church leadership at that time will be in conference with the District Superintendent on the new appointment.

Some people will choose to leave Aldersgate. They will be missed, but we respect their decision to go and send them off with prayer. For those staying, we continue to do the work of Jesus Christ as we always have. We will serve God by loving and serving each other and our community. God remains with all of us as we move forward.

If you have questions or concerns, please speak to me or any of our Governance Board members.

Love and Peace,
Rev. Dr. Mollie McGee

On June 26, 2024 the members of AUMC gathered to discuss the changes made by the United Methodist General Conference and their effect on our church. We also participated in a straw poll on two questions requested by church members who attended the church meeting in May.

1. Would you allow same-gender marriages to happen on Aldersgate's property?
2. Would you accept an LGBTQ pastor at some point in the future?

The results of the straw poll were received so the members of our church Governance Board could receive an understanding of how the church feels on these two issues. Our Governance Board used the results to decide whether to allow same-gender weddings to happen at AUMC. At present, that is the issue on which churches can decide. These are the results from the June 26th poll.

Ballots Received: 98

1. Would you allow same-gender marriages to happen on Aldersgate's property?

Yes	62 votes	63% of the vote
No	32 votes	33% of the vote

2. Would you accept an LGBTQ pastor at some point in the future?

Yes	56 votes	57% of the vote
No	39 votes	40% of the vote

Abstentions: 3

CECILIA'S CORNER



TRUNK-OR-TREAT
OCTOBER 20TH 5:00-7:00 PM
WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS & CANDY DONATIONS
ALDRSGATE PARKING LOT

We need you to dress up and decorate your trunk.
If you participate, you will need to be parked and setting up no later than 4:00pm.
The last day to sign up for a trunk will be October 16th by noon.

To sign up to volunteer your trunk or to help, call Cecilia at (985) 641-5829, email at Cecilia@aldersgate-slidell.org

"Bags of Love"

AUMC is holding a Backpack & School Supply Drive for the LA Methodist Children's home & local schools now through August. Please drop off your Backpacks full of supplies in the church office or the collection baskets in the Sanctuary and/or JWC. All backpacks will be blessed on August 11th. Thank you for making a difference!



AUMC GARAGE SALE IS BACK!
SATURDAY SEPT. 7th @ 8AM

JOHN WESLEY CENTER

Garage
SALE

DONATIONS ACCEPTED STARTING AUGUST 28 FROM 9-7 DAILY
NO CLOTHES OR SHOES ACCEPTED - CONTACT CECILIA FOR INFO

Volunteers will be needed the week before (9-3) to set up and sort as well as the day of the Garage Sale.
Service hours for youth helpers!!
(985) 641-5829 or Cecilia@aldersgate-slidell.org

Grace & Gratitude

JOIN US NEXT MONTH AT
KY'S OLDE TOWN BICYCLE SHOP
LOCATED AT 2267 CAREY STREET!
AUGUST 21ST @ 11:30AM



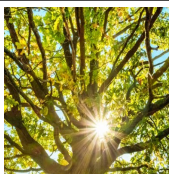
GROWN-UPS WILL BE RETURNING IN FALL!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE



St. Tammany™
HEALTH SYSTEM

Hospice Grief Support Group



Attention Men & Women

Join us on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH from 10 am - 11am in**

Cokesbury. The group is free-of-charge and open to the public. Please help us spread the word to those needing support. For more information contact Stephanie @ 985-871-5976.

SOMETHING'S BREWING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP HERE AT AUMC

**SOMETHING'S BREWING IS PART
BOOK CLUB AND PART BIBLE STUDY.
WE MEET ON TUESDAY MORNINGS AT
9 A.M. IN GENESIS HALL**

**WE WOULD
LOVE FOR YOU
TO JOIN US.
COME AND SEE!**



W.S.C.S. (Widows Social Club of Slidell)

Saturday August 31st @ 10:00 am Guest Speaker to be announced!

Refreshments served! ALL widows are welcome!

All widows are welcome to this group. Our purpose is to allow widows to meet others who've experienced the loss of a spouse & have **FUN!** It's strictly a SOCIAL group with many subgroups: Travel, Dining Out, Movies/Theater, Arts & Crafts, Gardening, Crochet/Knitting, Book Club, Cards & Games, Walking, Bowling & Poetry.

We're always looking for new/fun stuff to do.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT W.S.C.S. PLEASE CONTACT
CINDY ALBERTS AT 985-707-7676 OR CBEJ@BELLSOUTH.NET**



Slidell Synchron is a synchronized lawn chair brigade &

they want **YOU** to join in the fun this Mardi Gras Season!

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Join in the fun each **Tuesday** evening, at **6 pm**, in AUMC's **John Wesley Center**. We provide the chair and there is **NO** chair coordination necessary. Just a fun attitude.

Come give Synchron a try. If you have any questions, please contact **Suzie Hunt @ suzie@suzie-hunt.com**.

We are an award-winning synchronized lawn chair brigade. Our motto is ...

'Having Fun & Making People Smile'

"We perform intricate routines spinning vintage aluminum, webbed chairs and laugh a lot. Membership is open to any woman with a sense of humor."

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING A GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT US!



BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Feeding Kids for the In Between Times

The Mission is to provide supplemental nourishment to children who are at risk due to a variety of circumstances.

ANY GROUP ON CAMPUS *or* ANY INDIVIDUAL (this means you) is wanted and welcome to help with this much needed feeding ministry that is caring for our littlest ones in the surrounding community.

Do you have questions, or would like more information?

Please contact Cylynda Barron or the Church Office for help with questions. 985-641-5829.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE! LIKE & SHARE

You now have several options to Sponsor a child. Please scan the QR code provided to learn more.

You can also sponsor a child in Memory or Honor of someone. We will send a card to those who are Honored so they know a donation was made in their name!



HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR BACKPACK BLESSINGS!

it's that time again...



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

@aldersgate

Doors open @ 6:30 – Genesis
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH



CHECK IT OUT

SEMINAR SERIES

THE TRUTH ABOUT SENIOR LIVING



The Truth About Aging in the Right Place

August 13, 2024 - 10AM

1 hr 30 mins|Free

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
John Wesley Center
360 Robert Blvd. Slidell, LA 70458

**FREE
EVENT!**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



We are in need of a Hospitality Coordinator to prepare coffee & snacks and ushers for service!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2024 WINNER



BATTLE OF
THE KREWES
BLOOD DRIVE



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ALDERSGATE

Winners of Van Geaux XIV

- Iron Chef XIV - Aubrey Richards - (Most money raised) White Chicken Chili
- People's Choice - Stanley Laskos - Bavarian Pretzels with Handcrafted Beer Cheese
- Meats/Seafood - Chris Parrett - Pasta Shrimp Parrett
- SASS - Stanley Laskos - Bavarian Pretzels with Handcrafted Beer Cheese (Soups, Appetizers, Salads and Sides)
- Desserts - Dorothy Fulton - Bread Pudding
- Kids - Henley Word - Strawberry Angel Cake
- Youth - Aubrey Richards - White Chicken Chili
- Big Heart - Slidell Synch - Van Deaux Cookies (Community Service Organizations)

Special Thanks to the community service organizations who came to support our missions in the Big Heart Category

- Slidell Evening Lions Club
- Slidell Widows Social Club
- Rosies of East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity
- Slidell Synch.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY

MORNINGS 10-11
NIGHTS 5:30 - 7:30

CONTACT

JACOB@ALDERSGATE-
SLIDELL.ORG

WEDNESDAY

NIGHTS 6 - 7:30



August 10th - Shareholder's Dinner
August 10-11th - Youth Lock-In

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

HEY KIDDOS

PreK-3 through grade 2 in Susanna Wesley (Apple Tree) Bldgs.

Grade 3-6: John Wesley Center Room

(classrooms behind the stage)

Wednesday Night Groups

Faith Friends: (2nd and 4th Wednesdays from
6—7pm) Grades 4 through 6

Contact: Jacalyn Epperson: jacalyn.epperson@gmail.com



CONNECT WITH US ANYTIME ON FACEBOOK!

Aldersgate UMC Children's Ministry AND Aldersgate
Children's Ministry Parent Group

TITHES & PRAYERS



	JUNE 2024	YEAR TO DATE
Income	\$ 45,227.60	\$ 256,404.41
Expense	\$ 44,485.74	\$ 298,843.97
Surplus <Deficit>	\$ 741.86	(42,439.56)



SCAN THE QR CODE NOW TO MAKE A DIRECT DONATION TO AUMC



GIVING TO THE CHURCH ELECTRONICALLY



SHELBY NEXT GIVING APP

You can download the ShelbyNext app to your phone and give anytime from your mobile device.



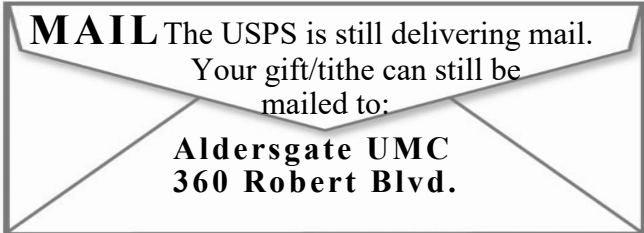
AUMC WEBSITE

Visit our website: www.aldersgate-slidell.org and click on the "Online Giving" option at the top/right of your screen. You have the option of giving a one time gift or you can select the "Make this Gift Recurring" and never have to worry about missing a tithe or



AUTOMATED

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is a convenient way to give. Simply specify your amount and frequency and provide account information to our Financial Secretary, Jon Nelson, at jon@aldersgate-slidell.org. This will ensure your gifts are received regularly without having to worry each month. NO credit card processing fees.



Secretary's locked office.

EXTERNAL DEPOSIT

If you are out and want to save a stamp, you can drop your offering off at church through our "Church Drop Box" slot located in the alcove by the side door. This drop box leads straight into the Financial

Send Prayer Concerns to Prayer@aldersgate-slidell.org



AT AUMC, WE UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF PRAYER. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE AN IMPACT, ANSWER URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS & JOIN OTHERS IN PRAYER? YOU CAN BY JOINING OUR PRAYER TEAM! CONTACT US IF INTERESTED.

Mary Gilmore
Corley Trawick
Taryn Blanchard
Allison England
Wanda McIlvain
Lisa Hinson
Sylvia Vasquez
Marie Cutts
Kim Barrois
Joan Archer
Carol Thiele

Carolina Corona
Heloise Grant
Darlene Olson
Anna Fox
Susan & Gary Grant
Jack Lynch
Bella Smith
Grayson Manning
Iva Mae Campfield
Presley, Jace, Riley Estes
Phyllis Mitchell

Sylvie Murphy
Warren Babin
Louis McGee
Buck Klibert & Family
Peggy Guidroz
Julie Yates
Donis Byrd
Bill Walley
Bettie Walter
Judy Hunt
Eleanor Cumbow

AUMC & Staff
The People of Ukraine & Russia & War-torn areas of the Middle East
Our Country, Our Military,
City Officials,
Kamala Harris
Former President Donald Trump
President Joe Biden,
the Unchurched,
Our Homebound Members
Rev. Mollie McGee